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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS,
SERVICES AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK
USING A VIRTUAL PAYMENT ACCOUNT

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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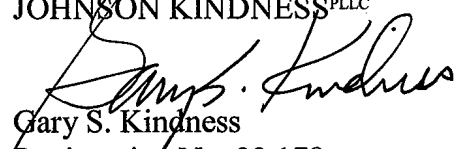
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 2-20 of the subject application with appreciation. Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references of record. Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are fully enumerated.

Applicants further point out that the reasons for allowance are not the only reasons that the claims are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated are described and set forth in the applicant's specification and the presentation documents filed in this application and its predecessor applications (if any). In addition, structures and methods that perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same results are included within the scope of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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